neighbourhood pay such compensation, then, within three months from the receipt or tender of such compensation, it shall cease to be lawful for the party carrying on such business to continue the same, and for any owner or occupier thereof either to carry on or to permit to be carried on such business in the same or any part of the same premises.

Funds for defraying Compensation—By a Rate.

59. And be it enacted, with regard to the funds for defraying such compensation, so far as relates to the raising thereof, that if her Majesty shall by such order direct the compensation to be paid by means of a rate, then it shall be lawful for the overseers of the parish or place to raise such sum as shall be necessary, as part of the poor's-rate on the inhabitants of such parish or place, or such part thereof affected by the business, as shall be appointed by such order in Council, to defray such compensation, in pursuance of their memorial aforesaid; and that thereupon such rate may be levied and recovered accordingly.

SURVEYORS, THEIR DISTRICTS AND DUTIES.

Appointment of Districts.

60. And now, for the purpose of dividing the district to which this Act is to apply into several smaller districts, for the convenient execution therein of this Act, and for appointing competent surveyors for superintending the same in each such district, and for regulating the duties of their office; be it enacted, with regard to such districts, so far as relates to the appointment and alteration thereof, that at any time after this Act shall come into operation, and from time to time, it shall be lawful for the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the city of London, with reference to the city of London, and the liberties thereof, and for the justices of the peace for the county of Middlesex, the county of Surrey, the county of Kent, the city and liberties of Westminster, and the liberty of her Majesty's Tower of London, in their general quarter sessions respectively, or any adjournment thereof, with reference to their respective counties, city and liberties, and they, respectively, are hereby empowered, but subject, nevertheless, to the consent of her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, to appoint the districts to which the respective places within their jurisdiction shall belong for the purposes of this Act, and to unite, enlarge and alter such districts for the more convenient distribution of the business.

Appointment of Surveyors.

61. And be it enacted, with regard to the surveyors to be assigned to such districts for the purposes of this Act, so far as relates to their appointment, that at any time after this Act shall come into operation, and from time to time, it shall be lawful for the said Lord Mayor and aldermen of the city of London, with reference to the city of London and the liberties thereof, and for the said justices of the peace in their general quarter sessions respectively, or any adjournment thereof, with reference to their respective counties, and they are hereby required, but subject, nevertheless, to the consent of her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, to nominate and appoint, as surveyors, such and so many discreet persons, of the full age of thirty years, and properly educated and skilled in the art and practice of building, as they the said Lord Mayor and aldermen and the said justices shall think fit.

Tenure of Office.

62. And be it enacted, with regard to such surveyors, so far as relates to the tenure of their office, that it shall be lawful for every such surveyor and he is hereby entitled to hold such his office of surveyor during the pleasure only of the said Lord Mayor and aldermen and of the said justices respectively.

Functions generally.

63. And be it enacted, with regard to such surveyors, so far as relates to their functions generally, that it shall be the duty of every such surveyor, and he is hereby required, to see that all the rules and directions of this Act are well and truly observed in and throughout his district; and for that purpose to proceed from time to time in due course, upon the receipt of any notice, or if from ignorance or neglect, or from any other circumstance, notice of any work intended to be done have not been given, then, upon such work being observed by or being made known to him, to inspect the works intended to be done, or which shall have been commenced; and to cause all the rules and directions of this Act in respect thereof to be strictly observed; and also to attend and perform every thing required of him by this Act, whether with or without notice; and also to inspect ruinous buildings and projections in danger at all times when needful, and to take all necessary measures thereupon; and also to survey all buildings built, rebuilt, enlarged, or altered by or under the superintendence of a district surveyor within any other district to which he shall be appointed by the official powers aforesaid; and also to cause a book for registering all notices, informations, and complaints, to be at all times kept at his office, and to enter in such book every notice, information, or complaint which shall be delivered or made to him, and any proceeding thereon by him taken.

Qualifications and Disqualifications.

64. And be it enacted, with regard to such surveyors, so far as relates to their qualifications and to their disqualifications, that at the time of his appointment, every such person appointed to be a surveyor must be of the full age of thirty years; and that during the time that any such person shall act as a justice of the peace for the county in which his district shall be situated, it shall not be lawful for him, and he is hereby disqualified to hold the office of a surveyor or of deputy or an assistant surveyor for any district under this Act.

The words should run, "*disqualified from holding.*"

Continuance of present Surveyors. 14 *Geo.* 3, c. 78. (1774.)

65. And be it enacted, with regard to the surveyors who, at the time of this Act coming into operation, shall have been appointed under the Act of the fourteenth year of the reign of King George the Third, mentioned in the schedule (A.), hereto annexed, so far as relates to their continuance in office, and the application of this Act to them, that it shall be lawful for them, and they are hereby entitled, to continue to be the surveyors for the purposes of this Act, and for the districts assigned to them at the time this Act shall come into operation, until they shall be removed; and to act in all respects as if they had been appointed under this Act; and that every provision in this Act applicable to district surveyors, so far as relates to the exercise of the office of surveyor, and to their remuneration in that behalf, shall apply to them.

Declaration of Official Fidelity.

66. And be it enacted, with regard to every surveyor hereafter appointed, so far as relates to making a declaration of official fidelity, that, before any such surveyor shall act in pursuance of this Act, it shall be his duty, and he is hereby required to make a declaration of official fidelity, which must be administered by the said Lord Mayor and aldermen in their court of aldermen, or by the said justices of the peace in their respective general quarter sessions, and must be of the form or to the effect following; that is to say,—"I, A. B., being one of the surveyors appointed in pursuance of an Act made and passed in the year of the reign of her present Majesty, intituled, 'An Act for regulating the Construction and the Use of Buildings in the Metropolis and its Neighbourhood, and commonly called the Metropolitan Buildings Act,' do solemnly declare, that I will diligently, faithfully and impartially perform the duties of my office, and to the utmost of my power, skill, and ability, endeavour to cause the several provisions of the said Act to be strictly observed, and that without favour or affection, prejudice or malice to any person whomsoever."

If the proposed Act be intended to go down to posterity, for the words "*Her present Majesty*" should be substituted "*Her Majesty Queen Victoria.*"

Regulation of Duties—Offices—Attendance—Return of Name and Residence.

67. And be it enacted, with regard to the surveyors, so far as relates to the regulation of their official duties, that it shall be the duty of every surveyor for the city of London and the liberties thereof, and he is hereby required, to have an office, at his own expense, in such public situation as shall be approved by the Lord Mayor and aldermen; and that it shall be the duty of every other surveyor, and he is hereby required to have an office, at his own expense, in some central part of the district to which he shall be appointed, as shall be approved by the justices of the peace in quarter sessions, within whose jurisdiction he shall act; and that it shall be the duty of every such surveyor, or some other person in his behalf, and he is hereby required to attend at his office every day (Sundays, Christmas-day and Good Friday excepted) from ten of the clock in the morning till four of the clock in the afternoon; and that immediately upon his appointment, and from time to time, upon every change of his residence, or of his place of business, or oftener if required, it shall be the duty of every surveyor, and he is hereby required, to make a return to the registrar of metropolitan buildings, and to the overseers of the poor of every parish or place within his district, of his name and place of abode and the place where such office shall be.

The words might run, "*It shall be the duty of every such surveyor, and such surveyor or some other person on his behalf shall attend at his office every day,*" &c.

Surveyor pro tempore—Duty of Deputy—Fees.

68. And be it enacted, with regard to such surveyor, so far as relates to the appointment of a deputy or substitute in certain cases, that if any surveyor shall be prevented by illness, or any other unavoidable circumstances, from attending to the duties of his office, then forthwith it shall be his duty and he is hereby required, but subject to the previous consent and approval of the official referees, to appoint some other surveyor as his deputy to perform all such his duties for so long a time as he shall be so prevented from executing them; and that thereupon, during such time as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of such deputy surveyor, and he is hereby required to perform all the duties of such surveyor, and that in all respects as if he were the surveyor appointed or confirmed under this Act; and that it shall be lawful for such deputy surveyor, and he is hereby entitled to receive the fees payable in respect of the services so performed by him in such district.

Vacancies—Occasional Services—Fees thereof.

[illegible] shall be the duty of the Lord Mayor and aldermen or the justices of the peace, and they are hereby respectively